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THE JUNK NINGPO.

Word has been received that Mr. W. Milne, the owner of the junk Ningpo, has left the United States to return here for the purpose of seeing what arrangements can be made with regard to the junk. Captain Scott has advised him that he cannot recommend him to sink more money in the present craft but that if he buys a new junk and is prepared to start her off in the following spring, he will sail her over gratuitously. If it is decided to proceed with the reconstruction of the Ningpo, Mr. Milne has been advised to renew the fore and mainmast and rig her with comparatively light legs of mutton try-sails.

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10.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.' 5.00 P.M. 'FAITSHAN.'

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST.

8.00 A.M. 'HONAM.' 8.00 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.'
10.00 P.M. 'FAITSHAN.' 5.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'

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EXCURSIONS TO MACAO.

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The Company's Steamship "HEUNGSHAN,"

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N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday leaving at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.
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Hongkong, August 9, 1912. 1010

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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the 17th August, 1912, at the close of the
Gymkhana Meeting,—
SEVERAL PONIES, including
DYLICAN, KONGSI & Others.
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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
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FRIDAY, August 23rd, 1912.

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FRIDAY, 23rd AUGUST:

'THE QUAKER GIRL.'

SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST:

'THE WALTZ DREAM.'

MONDAY, 26th AUGUST:

'THE MOUSME.'

TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST:

'THE COUNT OF LUXEMBOURG.'

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST:

'PEGGY.'

THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST:

'OUR MISS GIBBS.'

FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST:

'THE ARCADIAN.'

PRICES.....\$3.50, \$2 and \$1.

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Hongkong, Aug. 2, 1911. 18

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loan. He outlined a scheme which had
been drawn up whereby the Government
would obtain some seventy-eight million
taels revenue from the salt gabelle. He
said that the Government no longer want-
ed a sixty million pound loan, but one of
only ten million pounds.

At this point it seemed that Mr. Hsing
had got rather far from the point at
issue and also that he had a wrong im-
pression concerning the exact attitude
of the Powers. So Mr. Kroupensky, the
Russian Minister, pointed out that the
attitude of the Powers affected not only
the proposed sixty million pound loan,
but any other loan, the French charge
d'affaires, followed Mr. Kroupensky and
confirmed this statement of the situation.
That these two representatives took the
lead in the matter may have considerable
effect, for it is known that the Chinese
have not been without hope that they
might get assistance from the Russians
in case of a break with the Group and
that the Russians might drag the French
with them in some independent operation.
There was more discussion of the salt
gabelle as security for the loan, Mr.
Hsing furnished a copy of his scheme
to the Ministers and then the meeting
adjourned.

A TELEGRAM TO THE PROVINCES.
In the meantime Mr. Hsing has sent
a telegram to the provinces in which he
has said, according to the best reports
available, that the Central Government
cannot furnish the money which they
have been demanding, and that the vari-
ous provinces must raise funds internally.
And the Government has gone about ne-
gotiating with independent financiers for
loans. The town is full of rumours about
impending contracts but just what will
be done is not known. The bankers seem
to be resting easy and certain that sooner
or later the matter will be settled in their
favour.

The action of the Government in telling
the provinces not to expect assistance
from the Government probably will have
several definite results. In the first place
it is likely to lessen provincial opposition
to loan supervision, for once the pro-
vinces, at least those which depend upon
the Government for financial assistance,
realise that this source of income is cut
off, they may become reconciled to the
matter of supervision. Again, there may
be serious results, affecting the relation-
ship of the provinces and the Central
Government. The provinces which are
able to raise money at home are very
likely to consider that they owe no al-
liance to the Central Government which
has nothing to assist them. On the
other hand, those provinces which are
unable to raise funds may start a row
over the matter and take some punitive
action against the Central Government
which demands their allegiance yet does
nothing to assist them. When these
things happen it will be time for a
firm stand on the part of the Peking
Government, accompanied, perhaps, by
some bloodshed and riot. It is well
enough known that the tie which binds
some of the provinces to the Central
Government is weak and before this row
is over we may see some independence
movements. There is no question, in
the minds of observers here, at least, that
the time is coming for a definite under-
standing between the Government and
the provinces.

LAWN TENNIS TO-DAY.

It is a fact that, with one or two bril-
liant exceptions, says A. E. Crawley in
Country Life, lawn tennis has been a
game of veterans. English, grass, uni-
que in its greenness—though I am told
that Allahabad and Lahore have better
grass courts than Wimbledon, Lahore
boasting twenty-six—is chiefly responsible
for this, since its variation, direct and in-
verse, with weather changes, necessitate
a long schooling and gives experience and
sense a meaning and a great pull. But—now
avoids change tout cela. The judel phrase
is justified, because it was the French
first made it the game of young men,
a game, that is, in which the tennis man
triumphs and the "flapper" enters into
her kingdom.

THE HANDCUFF KING.

Mr. Hy Houdini, who is well-known in
England as the Handcuff King, is reported
to have accomplished a wonderful feat
in New York. He was chained, nailed
in a steamer trunk, and thrown into the
river below Brooklyn Bridge, and he re-
sented himself 10 minutes before the
box rose to the surface. Now three law-
yers have sent the following challenge
(which the performer has accepted):—
"We will send an extra heavy operating
table with broad straps and tie you down
in as helpless a position as possible, cross-
ing your arms over your chest and strap-
ping your hands to the side of the table.
Your neck will be held down with a
broad, heavy neck rope to eliminate the
danger of strangulation. Your thighs,
knees, and feet will be held down by the
most formidable things this country can
produce."

The bulk Pekin, which has been con-
structed on the dismantled hull of the
Chinese Navigation steamer of that name,
was to leave Shanghai on August 9 to be
towed up to her station at Wuhan. The
hulk marks a new departure in craft of
this class, being fitted up to meet the
most modern requirements of a cargo
hulk. Electric lights have been installed,
the power being obtained from a small
petrol motor, while electric fans have been
fitted in all the living rooms and offices.
The motor can also be coupled on to a
large capstern tank, ensuring a good flush
of water throughout the ship.
All the arrangements for stowing and
handling cargo are thoroughly up-to-date
and the hulk has been constructed to
meet the requirements of a modern float-
ing godown.

THE JOY OF RETURN- ING: HEALTH.

WHAT TWO ROYAL
PHYSICIANS SAY.

OF all the simple joys of life, few give a
greater thrill than when, after a stage
of illness, the patient is told that he has
left suffering behind him; he is convales-
cent, and is to be allowed to resume his
normal food instead of the light, sloppy
diet on which he has been feeding.

Even under favourable circumstances,
however, convalescence may be a protracted,
tedious, affair which the patient finds
exceedingly irksome, especially if he has
important duties to perform or urgent
matters awaiting his consideration. Even
then, if there is no such need for his
immediate return to the work-a-day world,
natural inclination makes him anxious to be
up and out in the shortest possible time.

Under such circumstances, nothing will
make him achieve his object so quickly as a
course of Sanatogen. Every doctor knows
that it is the readiest revitalising and re-
constituent preparation in the world. The
tonic food with lasting effects, as it has
been called by those who like to describe
it in a phrase. Its use in convalescence is
universal, and has been attested by thou-
sands of doctors, including the physicians
normal food instead of the light, sloppy
diet on which he has been feeding. Among
them may be mentioned Dr. Ott, the late
King Edward's physician at Marienbad,
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, July 2.

SCOTTISH MEMORIAL TO KING EDWARD.

Scotland's memorial to King Edward the Seventh will take the form of colonnades and a statue erected on a spot of historic fame. When the scheme was started, Lord Rosebery, in apt terms, accurately interpreted the popular desire when he said that "the memorial should have some visible and tangible existence that should appeal to the passer-by." With this condition accepted, the Executive Committee had an easy question to determine in regard to the site. No other place in Scotland can match Holyrood. It is the sanctuary of our nationality; it is the pivot of our history. Beyond all other places, it is the site for perpetuating the memories of Sovereigns whom Scotland holds in honour. And again, in the selection of a design, the Committee have acted with admirable judgment. In the preliminary talk as to the form which the memorial should take, the suggestion was made that a restoration of the gatehouse at the foot of the Canongate might be appropriate. But a number of plans were considered; and in the end a proposal by Mr. Washington Browne, R.S.A., was adopted which, it is believed, will have greater pictorial value and a more visible form than any isolated gateway could possess.

The design takes the form of two hemicycles of 120 feet diameter, one at the northern and another at the southern end of the forecourt of the palace, their central lines being axial with the fountain which occupies the centre of the "place." In the southern hemicycle, the area is raised 3 feet above the level of the forecourt, in the centre of this paved platform is set, within an arch flanked by columns and crowned with a Doric entablature, a bronze group representing King Edward VII. crowned and attired in the robes of the Order of the Thistle, receiving from female figures emblematic of Peace and Concord, the wreath of laurel, in recognition of his life work in promoting amity among the nations. There will be no discord between the old Palace and the new memorial; the architect, with nice judgment, has gone for the distinctive note of the memorial to the palace itself, and has reproduced in the arch which will crown the King's statue the form of the dignified doorway which is admired as one of the best features of the ancient pile. The memorial will be set, flanked by its supporting colonnade, against the magnificent background of the King's Park and Salisbury Crags. In the northern hemicycle, the place of the three central halls is taken by a triple gateway for carriage and foot passengers, which will form as at present, the main approach to the Palace from the City via Abbeyhill. The exit at the south end towards the King's Park is by two gateways at either end of the hemicycle. A minor gateway is designed for the foot of the Canongate, to mark the division between the Palace precincts and the City. The sculptor of the bronze group is Mr. Albert H. Holme, a Scot now settled in London.

INDO-CHINA STEAM SERVICE.
One explanation of the readiness with which the recent rumours of the absorption of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. by the British India Steam Navigation Co. was accepted (says the "Glasgow Herald") was the unfavourable experience of the former company during recent years, and its annual report does not disclose any improvement in this respect. About a dozen years ago, the company was distributing high dividends on its then undivided capital, but since the division into preferred and deferred shares took place in 1906, its fortunes have ruled at a low ebb, and the deferred shareholders have not received any return on their capital. The company seems to have been the victim of exceptional circumstances during

the last year, which have evidently prevented it from reaping any benefit from the firmer condition of the freight market, for the board states that up to the time of the outbreak of the Revolution in China, business had been the most satisfactory for several years, and an improvement of earnings would have been assured had normal conditions continued. This disturbing factor brought commerce almost to a standstill, however, and its evil results seem to have been heightened by the appearance of Japanese competitors on the Company's Calcutta run. As some offset against the latter development, the management have evidently been able to bring about an abatement of the competition in the Yangtze trade. The reports as to the Company's future have of course been denied, and in view of the more pacific aspect of affairs in China, the outcome of the current year's working should show an improvement.

HONOUR FOR ANGLO-INDIANS.
At Aberdeen University, the degree of D.D. was conferred in absentia on the Rev. William Summersutherland, M.A., Aber., of the Scottish Universities Mission, Principal of the Kalimpong Training Institute; and upon the Rev. John Watt, M.A., Aber., Principal of the Scottish Churches College, Calcutta. The degree of LL.D. was conferred on Sir Alexander M. Robert, Dundee, Tarland, who has built up one of the largest industrial enterprises in modern India. He has rendered signal services to education and other causes which deeply concern the welfare of India; was a pioneer in the movement to provide sanitary dwellings for factory workers in India; and has founded a Fellowship in Aberdeen University for the investigation of the cause, prevention, and treatment of cancer.

SELANDIA'S MAIDEN VOYAGE.
The oil-engined East Asiatic liner, Selandia is again at the Port of London after a maiden voyage of 21,761 miles, writes the correspondent of a Clyde journal. I visited the vessel in the West India Dock, and had an interesting conversation about her with Vice-Admiral Richelieu, the chairman; Mr. Ivor Knudsen, the technical director of Messrs. Barmister and Wain; and States Councillor Anderson, the managing director of the East Asiatic Company. They told me that they were more than satisfied with the sea service of the vessel, that the fuel economy had been better even than they had expected, and there had been no mechanical difficulties to speak of. Mr. Knudsen added that the oil engines had been opened out for inspection during the vessel's brief stay in Copenhagen, and everything had been found satisfactory. The vessel takes her oil on board at Singapore, where, as I was told, immense tanks, and the price is 32s. a ton. At Singapore she will regularly take sufficient for a complete round voyage. The Admiral informed me that in addition to the vessel which the East Asiatic Company has ordered in place of the Fiona, there are on hand at Copenhagen four oil-engined liners for a Swedish South American service. Designs of bigger ships than the Fiona are under the consideration of the Hamburg-America Line. This news was communicated to me by Admiral Richelieu. Mr. Knudsen, who is probably negotiating the matter with Mr. Ballin, was discreetly silent on the point.

Mr. William Kendall, the young South African pianist, has broken the world's record for piano-playing at Pötsch's room, where he completed seventy-four hours continuous playing. There was a crowded house to witness the feat, and Mr. Kendall, who is only twenty-three years of age, concluded the task in good form, his last selections being "Rule, Britannia" and the National Anthem.

At a meeting held at Nagasaki on July 19, presided over by Governor Ando and attended by nearly all the Prefectural and Municipal officials concerned, four plans for providing improved landing facilities for shipping were discussed and it was decided that further meetings on the subject should be held at a later date. The following were the schemes submitted:—(1.) A pier, 148 feet long, to be constructed at Deshima, to cost ¥452,100, including dredging; (2.) A wharf at Deshima, necessitating reclamation of the sea front, to cost ¥700,000; (3.) A pier, 126 feet long, near the Railway Station, to cost ¥768,200; (4.) A wharf at the Customs sea front, to cost ¥857,500.

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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Commander.	Last report at
Albatross	despatch vessel	1700	12	2000	Comdr. C. L. Laube	Hongkong
Admiralty	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. S. Pritchard	Kuikang
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Hankow
Cadmus	sloop	1070	5	1400	Comdr. H. P. E. T. Williams	Hankow
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1070	5	1400	Comdr. H. R. Voale	Canton
Defence	cruiser, 1st class	14,900	—	—	—	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Capt. C. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. E. Boddam-Whelham	West River
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Serow
Kinba	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,200	Capt. A. T. Hunt, C.S.I.M.	Anoy
Merlin	river gunboat	618	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. E. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Minotaur	sloop	1340	—	—	Capt. F. C. Passo	Surveying
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	11,830	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Shanghai
Moorehead	cruiser, 1st class	8800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartlett	Shanghai
Moorhen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	—	—	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze
Orter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4300	Comdr. Syme	Hongkong
Pegasus	cruiser	2132	—	—	Capt. F. H. Mitchell	Shanghai
Phaethon	cruiser	2135	—	—	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh	Hongkong
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	500	—	7800	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Shanghai
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	980	—	1400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Allan Dixon	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. A. S. H. Hutton	West River
Snake	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4500	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commodore C. J. Eyres	Hongkong
Ted	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dunbar	Hankow
Ulk	torpedo boat destroyer	500	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Blunt	Shanghai
Virgo	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4300	Lieut.-Com. R. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. F. A. Reine	Shanghai
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	500	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. E. T. B. Chambers	Shanghai
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	4900	Comdr. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	185	2	800	Com. M. H. Wilding	Kiangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lt.-Com. M. F. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. A. Mulock	Yangtze
36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. C. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
0.35	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Woodward	West River
0.36	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Murphy	West River
0.37	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Nicol	West River

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I.	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	45	8000	Capt. H. Nauts	Shanghai
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Verges	Shanghai
Eleber	French armoured cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Gouts	Saigon
Decidee	French gunboat	445	10	1700	Lieut. Vaudier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dorlet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	122	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Canton
Peiho	French gunboat	180	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteamp	Tchong-Kin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bouix	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1738	10	1700	Lieut. Guilleumo-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hankow
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessar	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boucicaut, Commanding the French defence in China.						
Emden	German cruiser	3800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Rostoff	Tientsin
Gauchaussen	German armoured cruiser	11,600	38	28,000	Captain v. Uslar	Tientsin
Ilia	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gohrn	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vapselov	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Bohneke	Tientsin
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tientsin
Otter	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Roising	Shanghai
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	8500	Capt. Lieut. Berrenberg	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Obst. z. S. Claessen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Luppe	Tientsin
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Friis, Ficks	Canton
Waterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Obst. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Olabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patia	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Timor

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A-4	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	Olongapo
A-6	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Olongapo
A-7	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	Olongapo
Albatross	U.S. protected cruiser	3430	10	7500	Com. M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	9000	Lt. C. S. Graves	Cruising
Barry	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	9000	Lieut. R. Hill	Cruising
Chancey	U.S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Cincinnati	U.S. protected cruiser	3183	11	10,000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Dale	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Decatur	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign J. L. Oswald	Cruising
El Cano	U.S. gunboat	620	4	600	Lieut. B. H. Green	Cruising
Helena	U.S. gunboat	1392	8	1283	Lt. Comdr. V. S. Houston	Shanghai
Mohican	U.S. station ship	1900	6	1100	Capt. R. H. Jackson	Shanghai
Monadnock	U.S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Chief Gunner J. Mitchell	Cavite
Monterey	U.S. monitor	4084	4	8277	Lt. E. P. Starr	Olongapo
Panama	U.S. gunboat	243	8	—	Commander H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Pampanga	U.S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. P. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Piscataqua	U.S. gunboat	354	2	1600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	U.S. gunboat	350	2	208	Lieut. R. V. Lowe	Shanghai
Quincy	U.S. gunboat	1400	14	1800	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld	Canton
Rainbow	U.S. cruiser	4360	8	250	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Canton
Ramapo	U.S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lt. B. D. Washburn, Jr.	Canton
Saratoga	U.S. armoured cruiser	8118	14	17,401	Comdr. H. A. Bigham	Canton
Villalobos	U.S. gunboat	370	9	208	Ensign H. A. McClure	Shanghai
Wilmington	U.S. gunboat	1297	8	1894	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Canton
Wompatuck	U.S. tug	462	—	650	Chief Boatswain P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo

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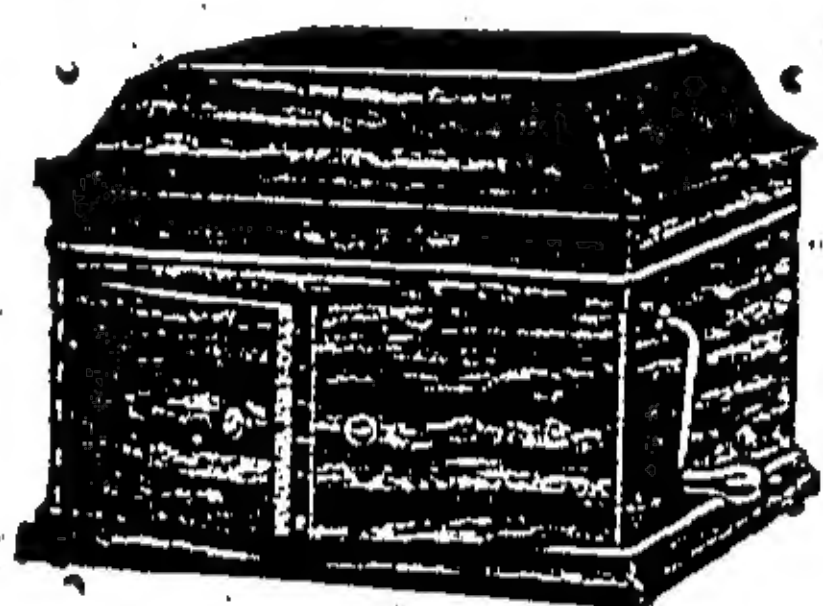
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will be worse than the first. Every business man knows the depressing influence of heavy rates on industry; and we have seen one important trade after another driven from London by the folly of Socialism in municipal government. The crying need of the time is more effective restraint on those spending authorities whose reckless extravagance is strangling enterprise. To encourage the Poplar school by removing the few existing checks is an act of folly of which even the Chancellor of the Exchequer should not be lightly suspected. But it seems certain that some such mad scheme is actually in contemplation.

A land tax of the kind suggested, levied on capital value and not on revenue, is nothing less than legalised confiscation. But the revenues of the landowner are also to receive further attentions from a Minister who seems bent on extinguishing the whole class that has been so misguided as to invest its capital in real property. Land courts are to be established in town and country. In urban districts they are to deal with questions relating to leaseholds. Terms for renewal of leaseholds, fines, and increased rents after alterations are to be subject to the jurisdiction of the new arm of officials to be brought into being for this purpose. The rural courts are to fix rents for agricultural land. A minimum wage will be established for agricultural labour, and the amount of the wage will be taken into consideration in deciding the rent payable by farmers. For example, if the farmer has to pay ten people 17s. instead of 13s. a week, the additional cost to him, £52 a year, will be made good, wholly or for the greater part, by reductions in rent. Finally, an extensive scheme of rural housing is in contemplation. It will be seen that the landowner stands to lose at every point. He is to be taxed on his capital and taxed on his revenue, which is further to be directly diminished by the action of the land courts. Land at the best yields but a poor income, while its possession entails duties, cares, and responsibilities from which the owner of other kinds of property is exempt. Under the new conditions the position of the landowner becomes at once impossible, and Mr Lloyd George clearly intends to make it so.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 16:— 9 p.m.—The Carangot Troupe at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

SATURDAY, August 17:— 3.30 p.m.—Fourth Gymkhana Meeting at Race Course, Happy Valley. Sale of Ponies at Race Course after Gymkhana. 9 p.m.—The Carangot Troupe at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

SUNDAY, August 18:— Emperor of Austria-Hungary's Birthday (1830). 9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao. Criminal Sessions.

FRIDAY, Aug. 23:— 9 p.m.—Bundmann Opera Co. at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, August 28:— 3.59 a.m.—Full Moon.

SUNDAY, August 31:— Queen of Netherlands' Birthday (1830). 9 p.m.—Aquatic Fete at V.R.C.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1912.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S LAND REFORM SCHEME.

In October, as Reuter informed us officially, Mr Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, intends to begin what has been heralded as his "Great Land Reform Campaign." Very considerable interest is naturally being taken in the proposed reforms, the nature of which it has long been predicted will be of a comprehensive character. The main outlines of the scheme are now known and from them it will be seen that the "Reform" is pretty drastic. A tax of a penny or three-half pence in the pound on land values is to provide the sinews of war. With the millions realised from this source, according to Mr Hemmerde, who is an ardent admirer of Mr George, local rates are to be relieved of the great part of the burdens now resting on them. Education, main roads, poor relief, police, and asylums are all to be paid for out of the Imperial Exchequer. Naturally the Conservative Press is very bitter against the proposed legislation. The "Standard" says that the vista of wild extravagance thus opened up is sufficiently appalling. The advance of extravagance in local expenditure so marked in recent years fills all thoughtful men with grave concern. But there is at least some effective restraint under the present system on the spendthrift proclivities of local assemblies elected on a democratic franchise. The knowledge that a district must pay its own way, and that in the long run the humblest cottager must suffer by large increases in rates, has an influence in counteracting the natural tendency to increased expenditure. What will happen when the greater part of the burden is shifted on to the shoulders of the taxpayer? The most conservative authorities will tend to become lavish, while such boroughs as Poplar will rush into orgies of extravagance. The municipal trading mania will be encouraged, with disastrous results; all kinds of fads and caprices will find free indulgence; and in end we shall find that, while an enormous addition has been made to national expenditure, the last state of local finances

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At the Police Court this morning a man was sent to prison for a month for the theft of a coat from No. 380 Queen's Road West.

Eleven Shanghai silk suits valued at \$140 were stolen by burglars who entered the residence of Mr A. C. Little, Carraon Road, Kowloon.

For the larceny of a number of lamp globes from 23, Des Vaux Road a man was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment this morning.

Property to the value of over eight lacs was to have been sold at auction by Mr Geo. P. Lammert this afternoon, but was subsequently withdrawn.

A thief who entered the Kowloon Bowling Green Club pavilion through the unfenced window of the lavatory stole a presentation mirror valued at \$14.

A messenger employed at Stonecutters' Island was removed to the Tung Wa hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received in a fall from the second floor of a building.

Two coolies living at 115 Connaught Road West were knocked down yesterday by a No. 12 while they were carrying bags from a junk to a godown. Both were removed to the Tung Wa hospital.

A well-known French doctor has raised a protest in the Journal des Debats against the growing vice of opium-smoking among the officers of the French Navy, and Colonial Service.

This afternoon at the Magistracy a man was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for forging orders in the name of a shopkeeper. By means of this trick defendant obtained goods to the value of \$200 from four stores.

Early this morning a fire was caused at Praya East by some tar on a boiler boiling over into the furnace. It was extinguished by workmen and firemen from the No. 2 fire station, after \$8 worth of damage had been done.

The Antwerp reports regarding a counting rate war in the Far East, and concerning the exclusion of the Hamburg-American Line from the agreement with the English lines, is declared in interested circles at Hamburg to be incorrect.

An old man who appeared before Mr Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of selling lottery tickets was stated by the police to have secreted them in a basket of cakes he was carrying. He had been known to the police of Aberdeen as a cake-maker for years. In reply to the Magistrate the defendant said he got ten cents for each ticket he sold. He was bound over on a personal bond of \$50 to come up for judgment, if called upon.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 27th July amounted to 27,08 tons and the sales during the period, to 19,442 tons.

Another vessel recently purchased by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is the British Monarch, of 2,647 tons net, carrying about 6,637 tons deadweight. This vessel was built by Messrs. Russell and Co., Port Glasgow, in 1892.

The departmental committee which has been appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to consider the whole question of deficits at sea, will commence its sittings almost immediately. Sir A. Williamson, M.P., is the chairman.

Great strides are being made in Australian waters with the installation of wireless telegraphy on ships trading to or on the coasts of the Commonwealth, no less than twenty-three vessels having been recently fitted with the apparatus.

At the meeting of the British North Borneo Company, Sir West Ridgeway traced in detail the various activities of the company. Dealing with his report well satisfied with the condition and prospects of the territory. An issue of £500,000 four-and-a-half per cent. first mortgage debentures at 95 per cent. is shortly to be made by the company.

According to the Frankfurter Zeitung from the autumn of this year all German sea-going passenger ships carrying at least 75 persons, including crew, and all cargo boats carrying at least 60 persons will be compelled to install wireless. The regulations will compel a day and night service, and will urge arrangements for providing for subsidiaries when the mast carrying the antennae is destroyed or the central dynamo is out of action.

FORTY SUCCESSFUL YEARS.

FOR almost forty years Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been curing cramps in the stomach and bowels, dysentery and diarrhoea, and has never been known to fail to give relief even in the most severe and dangerous cases. You can make no better provision for the safety of your family than to keep a bottle of this remedy ever at hand. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr G. H. Medhurst, of Messrs Dodwell and Co., leaves for home to-day; and Mr B. Webb, of Messrs Arnold Karberg and Co., sailed this morning on a trip to San Francisco and back.

This morning at the Hongkong Club, Mr G. H. Medhurst, the retiring manager of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.'s Hongkong office, entertained a number of friends prior to leaving for home. Mr H. P. White voiced the feelings of Mr Medhurst's friends when he bid him "good-bye" and "bon voyage," the company present showing their approval of Mr White's remarks in the usual way—"three cheers and a tiger." Mr Medhurst thanked all for their good wishes. The gathering numbered over fifty and included some of the well-known residents in the Colony. Mr Medhurst has resided in the Colony over seventeen years.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Mr Bucknill's Arrival.

Mr John Alexander Strachey Bucknill, who was recently appointed Attorney General of the Colony, upon the retirement of the Hon. Mr W. Rees Davies, K.C., to the office of Chief Justice, arrived yesterday by the N. Y. K. s.s. Aki Maru. Mr Bucknill, who until his appointment to Hongkong was King's advocate of Cyprus, travelled from home via Siberia, and caught the Aki Maru at Shanghai on Friday. Mr Bucknill was met by several Government Officials on his arrival here, these including the Chief Justice and Mr G. C. Alabaster, who has been acting Attorney General. Mr Bucknill is expected to make his first public appearance in the Courts at the Criminal Sessions on Monday. Mrs Bucknill accompanied her husband.

APPLICATION TO RECOVER SALARY.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr Justice Gompertz, Maria dos Remedios and Adolina dos Remedios sued the Hongkong Tailoring Company to recover the sums of \$30 and \$35 respectively, being one month's salary and salary in lieu of notice at the rate of \$15 and \$18 per month respectively.

The plaintiffs appeared in person. Mr Leo D'Almeida defended. The case for the plaintiffs was that they were engaged on June 11th, and on July 11th, they were given notice, while on July 15th, they were told not to come any more. They had received their salary up to July 11th.

For the defence it was argued that the two girls had only been engaged on probation, and had not given satisfaction. When told to do things it was alleged that they did not do them properly and that they invited friends to the premises instead of doing their work.

His Lordship found for the defendants with costs.

\$10,000 BLOOD MONEY.

Singapore Murder Suspect.

In Mr Irving's Court this morning a man named Chan Kum was brought up in custody on remand charged with murdering a wealthy Chinese merchant of Singapore named Gow Boon Chan. A reward of \$10,000 was offered by deceased's relatives for the apprehension of the murderer. Detective-Inspector Collett said the police had received a telegram from Singapore to the effect that action was being taken by the authorities there, and he asked for a further remand for a week to enable evidence of identification to be obtained.

The magistrate told defendant he could not deport him to Singapore until he had been identified by somebody from there, and remanded him for a week.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

KOWLOON ARMED ROBBERY.

Six men and a boy who were arrested on a charge of complicity in an armed robbery committed near Kowloon City on August 1, appeared before Mr Melbourne this morning, and on the application of the police were further remanded for a week. Property worth \$29 was taken by the robbers.

Awakened by the shouting of his friends a Chinese ticket collector on one of the river boats saw a man disappearing with a ticket, valued at \$3, taken from his cabin. He was caught and handed over to an Indian constable, and Mr Melbourne this morning sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment.

When the Italian steamer Ischia left yesterday evening for the Straits Settlements with emigrants on board, one man, evidently repenting of leaving, or else feeling "homesick," jumped overboard in the Sulphur Channel, with the idea of swimming ashore. He was picked up by a boat from the Green Island Light House in an exhausted condition and handed over to the Police. That he did not want his "escape" made public was shown by him offering the rescuers \$500 to let him go.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

MANY sufferers from chronic diarrhoea have obtained prompt relief by the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Some of the worst cases of this disease have been permanently cured by it after other treatments and skillful physicians had failed. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE ILL-FATED QUINTA.

Latest News of the Wreck.

The David Gillies returned late yesterday from her third trip to the wrecked steamer Quinta. An unexpected sight was presented to them on arrival at the scene of the disaster, the once trim steamer was a sorry wrecked and by the hands of man more than by nature. The cabin and engine room were a scene of desolation and stripped clean, of everything of the slightest value; worst of all the pirates, who had made such a clean sweep, not content with what they might carry away, had deliberately destroyed all such gear as winches, windlasses and engines. The decks were ripped up and left bare for the S.W. seas to flood the holds. All the wire rigging was lashed away, and every teak wood door and cabin fitting had disappeared. In fact, to quote the words of an eye witness—"The once snug cabin was just a square hole bare of everything." The electric mast-head light and sidelights had also vanished, along with all the brass scuttle ports; in fact everything of the slightest value had been taken. Windows were smashed and the engines, or what remained of them, were a complete wreck. The boilers also were rendered absolutely useless.

Seeing no chance of salvaging anything and after ascertaining that the steamer was practically in the same position, the David Gillies returned to Hongkong. All hope has not yet been given up of getting the hull off, should a suitable tide occur. The holds of the steamer are practically full of water and so keep her steady in the bed she has made for herself in the coral. The tank tops are still apparently intact, so the vessel should float if once off the reef.

THE OPIUM LAWS.

A Solicitor's Contention.

Three men who were recently arrested were found to be in possession of 125 taels of opium, which they had secreted under their undershirts. They were charged with attempting to export the drug without permission, and were remanded. Defendants were brought up again this morning before Mr. Irving. Mr. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended. It will be remembered that at the last hearing Mr. Kong Sing argued that the men could carry opium when and where they wished, and contended that the fact that they carried it under their clothing did not indicate that they were going to export it.

This morning a man who claimed to be the owner of the opium and said he had employed the men to carry it to Yau-mat was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. Hodgson. He said he had purchased the drug for his own use, and that he frequently came up from Singapore to purchase miscellaneous goods.

One of the witnesses who gave evidence at the previous hearing was recalled and other evidence given.

Mr. Kong Sing submitted that the charge was not proved. Mr. Hodgson contended that the man who stated the opium belonged to him was a dummy witness.

Defendants were fined \$500 each; in default three months' imprisonment. Mr. Kong Sing was granted leave to appeal on the facts.

SPORTING.

Tennis.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club interested in the Tennis Tournament now on at that club should note that the events must be decided by the end of August.

Gymkhana Notes.

If the frequent showers we have been experiencing now for some time continue a heavy course and slow times are assured for the Gymkhana Meeting next Saturday. This morning both tracks were open, but all the gallops were done on the grass. The going was heavy, consequently there were no dash gallops, though Miniver's and Mahatma Chief's times over a mile can be considered good. Mr. B. F. C. Mistor was thrown rather badly this morning by Mahatma Chief, the pony being particularly fresh. Mr. Mistor sustained a nasty cut over the eye and bruise on the ribs, but it is hoped he will be able to ride on Saturday.

The times taken to-day were:— Liehine, 1, 40.2, 1.18, 1.52.1; 84.1. Defford, 1m., 38, 1.15.4, 1.50.3, 2.22; 81.2. Joss Mighty and Ashington, 11, 37.2, 1.12.2, 1.49.4, 2.24.4, 2.55.4; 82. Proudfoot and Norman Chief, 11, 37.4, 1.11.3, 1.45, 2.21, 2.56; 85. Miniver, 1m., 38, 1.11.3, 1.46.2, 2.19.2; 83. Sevington, 11 last 1, 40, 1.18.3, 1.52; 83.2. Mahatma Chief, 1m., 37, 1.12, 1.46.3, 2.19.3; 83. Eperandou, 1m., 40, 1.18, 1.52, 2.25; 83. Joy, 11 last 1, 38, 1.18; 86.

In accordance with an annual custom which had its origin in the city's hunts and chase of the 12th century, a gift of four fat bucks from Richmond Park has been made by the Crown to the Lord Mayor, three to the Sheriff, and one each to the Recorder, Chamberlain, Town Clerk, Common Serjeant and Remembrancer. Gifts of deer similar proportions are made annually in December for the same officials. A venison feast for the Lord Mayor dated A.D. 1428 is preserved in the British Museum. It is in the Norman French and signed by eight members of the Privy Council.

THE PLAGUE.

Only Four Cases.

The plague epidemic has, happily, practically ceased. Only four cases occurred, three being in the City and one at Kung Hom. All the patients, who were Chinese, died. The only other cases of communicable disease notified were two fatal cases of enteric fever. One of the victims was a Chinese and the other an American. The number of bubonic plague cases notified this year comes to the large total of 1836, of which 1717 ended fatally. No European has so far been affected.

DEFRAUDING THE REVENUE.

Kwong Sai Steward and the Brandy.

The Chinese chief steward of the s.s. Kwong Sai and one of the cook boys were charged to-day before Mr Melbourne with landing three bottles of brandy from the ship without having previously paid duty upon it. One of the water police who prosecuted said the offence was looked upon as a serious one in regard to the first defendant, who was chief steward of the boat. The case against the second defendant was not pressed, as he was merely acting under the orders of the first defendant. The duty on the brandy which formed part of the ship's stores was 79 cents a bottle.

First defendant said the brandy had been in his cabin for a long time.

The Magistrate observed that this made it more valuable. By bringing it ashore he was defrauding the revenue. Fined \$25.

"SHIPPING AND ENGINEERING GAZETTE."

Mr. D. R. Billings, third officer, Namsang, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. A. McG. Blair, from leave, has gone acting second engineer, Wingsang.

Mr. F. Leatham, second engineer, Wingsang, is on leave.

Mr. C. W. Falk, second officer, Namsang, has gone supernumerary, Chunsang.

Mr. C. S. Leys, supernumerary, Chunsang, has gone third officer, Namsang.

Mr. C. S. Gibbs, supernumerary, Sui-sang, has gone acting third engineer, Namsang.

Mr. H. D. Isa, third engineer, Namsang, has resigned.

Mr. F. Simmonds, fourth engineer, Sui-sang, has gone acting third engineer, Ousang.

Mr. F. Engelbrecht, third engineer, Ousang, has gone third engineer, Sui-sang.

Mr. E. C. Holmes, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Yuensang.

Mr. J. G. Yull, acting chief engineer, Yuensang, has gone second engineer, Sui-sang.

Mr. D. Mason, second engineer, Sui-sang, is on leave.

Mr. R. W. Lord, third engineer, Sui-sang, has gone supernumerary, same ship.

Mr. J. McIntyre, third officer, Hopsang, has resigned.

Mr. J. M. Cochrane, second engineer, Taishang, has gone second engineer, Cheongshing.

Mr. A. G. Gardner, second officer, Chuiwang, is on leave.

Mr. R. Pettigrew, supernumerary, Ousang, has gone supernumerary, second officer, Hopsang.

Mr. J. N. van den Borg, supernumerary second officer, Hopsang, has resigned.

Mr. J. B. Thistle, second engineer, Cheongshing, has gone second engineer, Taishang.

Mr. E. Scott, acting second engineer, Taishang, has gone supernumerary, same ship.

Mr. D. J. McCorkindale, supernumerary, Taishang, has gone third engineer, Loongsang.

Mr. B. Winterson, third engineer, Loongsang, is awaiting orders.

Mr. C. W. Stewart, supernumerary, Loongsang, has gone supernumerary second officer, Yatsing.

Mr. T. Croft, supernumerary, Yatsing, has gone supernumerary second officer, Chunsang.

Mr. G. Taylor, supernumerary, Hain Peking, has gone third engineer, Hupeh.

Mr. J. R. Fowler, third engineer, Hupeh, has gone supernumerary, Hain Peking.

Mr. W. M. Stewart, second engineer, Taoting, has gone second engineer, Hupeh.

Mr. J. H. Curtis, supernumerary, Hain Peking, has gone second officer, Kinling.

Mr. A. G. Madan, second officer, Hain Peking, has gone supernumerary, Kinling.

Mr. J. Stirling, from leave, has gone supernumerary second officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. C. G. Lawson has been appointed second officer, Chifli.

Mr. W. Lamb, from leave, has gone supernumerary second officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. G. Crawford, second engineer, Hupeh, has gone second engineer, Pao-tung.

Mr. H. Walton, supernumerary, Dredger, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Hain Peking.

Mr. A. B. Calder, second officer, Hain Peking, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. A. J. Conner has been appointed second officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. T. Adams, from leave, has gone fourth engineer, Kungshing.

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THE EIGHTH TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND v. SOUTH AFRICA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

The Eighth Test Match began yesterday between England and South Africa at Kennington Oval.

Though the weather was cold and rain was threatening, 8,000 people were present. The wicket was rather difficult.

South Africa's total score was 95 of which Taylor made 23, and Snook 23. For England, Barnes took 5 wickets for 28 runs, and Woolley 5 for 41. England scored 176, Hobbs making 68.

Faulkner took 7 wickets for 84 runs. Stumps were drawn early owing to the bad light.

THE "CIVIL WAR" THREAT.

MR CHURCHILL'S STRONG DENUNCIATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

Mr Churchill, in a long letter to the Dundee Liberals, denounces Mr Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson for inciting Ulstermen to make civil war. He states that they would be shocked and frightened if the melodramatic stuff exploded and they found themselves not in office but in a felon's cell or place of execution. There was no need, he adds, to excuse violence in a constitutionally governed country, and still less in the centre of a vast Empire where the work of conciliation and reconciliation was being arrested by the doctrines of Mr Bonar Law which were the doctrines of Mr Ben Tillett.

MR BONAR LAW AND HOME RULE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 13.

Mr Bonar Law, in replying to Mr Churchill, declared that the Government had manoeuvred themselves into positions in which they thought they could carry Home Rule against the will of the majority of the electors. "Mr Churchill was right in thinking that I did not anticipate civil war, but there would have been a real danger of civil war if the Government had been allowed to move blindly towards the precipice, without a clear warning of the perils in front. They know now that if they attempt, without first obtaining the sanction of the electors, to drive out the Ulster Union, the attempt would be resisted not only by the loyalists of Ireland, but by the overwhelming majority of the people of Great Britain, but the attempt will not be made."

PANAMA CANAL BILL.

BITTER DENUNCIATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 13.

Reuter's New York correspondent telegraphs that the provision of the Panama Bill excluding ships owned by American Railroads from the Canal has aroused the fiercest opposition in Railroad circles, which declare that the provision established a monopoly to the coastwise trade.

The American Press combines an attack on the Bill, in the warmest language, as an act of incredible folly and wanton selfishness.

THE EUROPEAN EARTHQUAKE.

1200 KILLED OR INJURED: 15,000 HOMELESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 12.

The latest estimate of killed and injured is 1,200, throughout the whole area.

There are 15,000 homeless in the whole of the South-Western part of the vilayet of Adrianople which has suffered most from the earthquake.

Thousands of refugees are in the hospitals of Constantinople. Twenty mosques and other public buildings were partially destroyed in the town of Adrianople.

Smyrna also experienced the shock, but no damage was done.

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A SAD FATALITY.

GENERAL ANDERSON'S SON KILLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 13.

William Anderson, aged 18, son of General Anderson, commanding the British Forces in South China, has been killed on the Calais and Bala express level near Boulogne. Mrs Anderson and two other sons accompanying, escaped.

(Note.—The deepest sympathy of the Hongkong community, we feel sure, will be felt for General Anderson in his great misfortune.—E.O.C.M.)

FRENCH PREMIER IN RUSSIA.

REVIEW AT KRASNOE SELO.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 12.

M. Poincare, the French Prime Minister, is being much feted in St. Petersburg. He has had long conversations with M. Sazonoff (Foreign Minister) and M. Kokovtsov (President of Council), and lunched with H.M. the Tsar yesterday.

M. Poincare yesterday inspected a camp occupied by 60,000 troops at Krasnoe Selo, where he attends a grand review to-day.

The sole announcements bearing on the visit up to the present have been semi-official contradictions of reports that the opening of the Dardanelles or the raising of a loan for the reconstruction of the Russian Fleet are being discussed.

60,000 TROOPS REVIEWED.

LATER.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the Tsar reviewed 60,000 troops at Krasnoe Selo.

M. Poincare had luncheon at the Imperial Tent.

THE "GLORIOUS TWELVE"

GROUSE SEASON OPENS SPLENDIDLY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 12.

Grouse shooting opened splendidly, and there is promise of an especially good season in the North.

The King has joined the Duke of Devonshire's party at Bolton Abbey.

THE ALBANIAN FERMENT.

DEMANDS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 12.

The Albanians have presented thirteen demands to the Government including the restoration of arms, educational reform, the construction of roads, assistance to agriculture, and the application of local revenues to local purposes.

It is expected that the Government will agree to the demands.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

ABDICATION OF MULAI HAFID.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 12.

Mulai Hafid, Sultan of Morocco, has abdicated in favour of his brother Mulai Yusuf. The ex-Sultan is going to Vichy, Switzerland, for the benefit of his health, and will probably make a pilgrimage to Mecca before taking up his residence at Tangier.

THE MASTER OF ELIBANK'S EXPLANATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 12.

The Master of Elibank, in a statement, has expressed hopes that his Midlothian friends will unreservedly support Mr Shaw, whom he describes as a brilliant young politician. He explains that he acted as a private individual in giving the advice on the 10th inst. to withdraw the Liberal candidate in the hope of effecting consolidation.

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BRITISH ARMY AVIATORS.

HIGH PRAISE: ANOTHER RECORD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

The British aviators gave a fine exhibition at Salisbury Plain, and experts expressed the opinion that the aviators rival any army in the world.

De Havilland created a British record by attaining an altitude of 9,500 feet with a passenger. They remained three hours in the air.

ITALIAN CRUISERS IN ACTION.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Hodeidah states that the Italian cruisers Piedmonte and Arctura shelled the military building and camp outside the town throughout July 26th.

Two magazines exploded, causing a conflagration which lasted for two hours. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

MORE EARTH TREMORS.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople telegraphs that three earth tremors were felt at Gallipoli to-day, and an hotel was destroyed by fire.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

TO VISIT CHINA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 13.

H. E. Lau Yu Lin, China's representative in London, has telegraphed to the Central Government at Peking that Prince Arthur of Connaught will visit China.

A CHINESE CLAIM.

The Kwok Hing brought an action in the Summary Court to-day before Mr Justice Gompertz against the Tak Cheong Firm and the Yung Kwai Nam Firm to recover the sum of \$180.05 being balance due for principal and interest on money lent.

According to the plaintiff's evidence it appeared that he had deposited \$300 with the defendants, and had received only part of the money back on account. It was for the balance of this that he was claiming.

The case for the defence was that the whole of the money had been paid including that in dispute, by the second defendants to the firm in which the plaintiff was a third partner.

His Lordship gave judgment in favour of the defendants.

THE SMILING CURE.

How to Make Yourself Cheerful.

The influence of the mind over the body has long been recognized by the medical profession, and cheerfulness, hopefulness, and mental placidity find their place in every medicine chest. In the same way the evil effects of worry and over-anxiety are always taken into consideration by doctors.

The stuff of cheerfulness, and how to acquire it, is exhaustively dealt with in "The Laws of Life and Health," by Dr. Alexander Bryce, M.D.

"It may occur to the reader that, much as cheerfulness might help one, if there is for ought, this is not so, says Dr. Bryce. Smile! That is the secret. Put your face into a cheerful shape, turn up the corners of your mouth, wrinkle your eye, get, and finally laugh. And with the muscular effort of laughter there will follow the mental state that goes with laughter. Look miserable and you will soon feel miserable. Laugh and grow happy."

When next the "blues" attack you go to your mirror and smile at yourself. Soon you will feel your smile, presently you will burst into laughter, and away go the mental clouds.

Professor William James, of Harvard, lecturing on the Gospel of Relaxation, said much the same thing.

The sovereign voluntary path to cheerfulness, if our spontaneous cheerfulness be lost, is to sit up cheerfully, to look round cheerfully, and to act and speak as if cheerfulness were already there.

The following axioms are worth committing to memory: Cheerfulness, hopefulness of mind, and placidity of temper can be cultivated by practice.

The exercise of love and faith is positively hygienic.

The will has a mighty effect on the bodily functions for good, as well as for evil.

Good thoughts are of immense value to their possessors, and may possibly influence our neighbours for good.

If a person be depressed it is wise to assume the physiognomy of joy and cheerfulness so that the latter emotion may be encouraged to appear.

Telling a funny story at meal times is a valuable method of raising the spirits.

SANITARY BOARD.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board held this afternoon the President, Mr. E. C. Wolfe, presided, and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. E. R. Halliday (Registrar-General), Colonel Irwin, Messrs. E. R. L. Bowley, W. L. Chater, Ng Hong, Chan Kai Ming, Dr. Clarke (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. Pearse (Assistant Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. Bowen Rowlands (Secretary).

STABLES EXTENSION.

At a minute by the President relative to a plan of the proposed extension of the No. 1 police station sanitary department stables. The President explained that the stables were situated at the rear of the old police station next to Jarline's at East Point. It was proposed to make them large enough to accommodate the extra blocks which would be required if the averaging of the City was taken over by the Department. The main changes consisted in the alteration of the floor by the removal of old stalls to provide for the accommodation of 22 bullocks. There of another stable to accommodate 13 (the rear of the old stable quarters, which would be extended to house the cow-drivers. It was originally intended to build a two-story building but it was thought better to have two separate sets of cases of an outbreak of rinderpest, so that the animals could be segregated.

The plan was agreed.

LABORATORIES AND FILTER BEDS.

An application received for permission to erect ten water closets and five urinals at the University Hotel to be erected on upland lot 1874 on the Hutton Road. The Board decided to grant the application and to call the attention of the Government to the desirability of closing the filter-beds in the vicinity and directing the path before the new buildings be occupied.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION.

The Board decided to forward to the Government after received from Mr. Playfair with request that they will reconsider the decision not to grant an application for permission to erect W.C.s on premises, New Kowloon island lot No. 33, Tai Road.

A SHOP'S SECURITY.

An application was received for permission to join the shirtings on the second floor No. 206 Hollywood Road, which is a plague-infected area. The ground of application was that the premises occupied by a pawnbroker, and that remove the plaster walls would destroy the security of the premises. Chan Kai Ming intimated: If we can in the object aimed at without taking wood-work down, do so by all means. Dr. Fitzwilliams intimated: Could space between the wood-work and thick-work not be filled in with cement? The same object would be attained. The walls still further strengthened. Carter intimated: The estimate of amount of wall to be rebuilt at \$1.25 square yard should be given.

Dyson was deferred and a further motion the premises ordered to be

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

A petition was granted for the establishment of offensive trades at 99 and 98 Chai Road, and 289, 285 and 287, on Road, Kowloon. A similar application in regard to premises at 17, Lane, Tai Hang, was refused by votes to two on the motion of Mr. J. E. it being considered that the neighbourhood is unsuitable, and the in the vicinity would be adversely affected.

RAY RETURN.

Return presented showed that during week ended July 27 in Hongkong and on 1,108 rats were destroyed, and found to be plague infected. Of killed in the following week six infected.

MILITARY NOTE.

Command Orders.

Leave granted to Lieut. Colonel R. Byer, 25th Punjab, in A.S.O. No. 614 dated 6th July, 1912, will be amended from 13th July, 1912, in place of 1st, as previously notified.

Leave granted to Major W. C. Hays, 25th Punjab, in A.S.O. No. 614 dated 10th July, 1912, will be amended from 23rd July, 1912, to 31st July, 1912, in place of 16th July to 31st, 1912, as previously notified.

Leave granted to Captain H. R. H. Punjab, in A.S.O. No. 617 (17th July, 1912, will be amended to 31st July, 1912, in place of 30th, as previously notified.

Leave granted to Lieut. Colonel A. C. Y. M.S. in A.S.O. 466 (1) dated 8th July, 1912, will be amended to read from 31st July, as previously notified.

Catch from St. Petersburg. Throver's agency, reports the death of A. P. Sazonoff, the stern opponent of Revolutionaries. We may recall that the late Admiral of the Pacific Squadron was in charge of the Russian fleet in the Kwangtung Peninsula and Dairen.

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